

# BLM News Release

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## FERGUSON INCIDENT REACHING CONTAINMENT

CANON CITY, CO---Firefighters are still working to contain the estimated 200 acre Ferguson Fire located approximately 35 miles southwest of Canon City, Colorado in Fremont County. As of this morning the Fire was 20% contained; however fire command is expecting around 80% containment by the end of today.

Approximately 150 firefighters are committed to the incident, including hand crews, engines, and managers from various agencies and local fire departments. These include three type 1 Hotshot crews and three type 2 hand crews. These on the ground resources will be supplemented, depending on flying weather, with a Type III helicopter and other air resources on order.

The fire was first reported about 11 A.M. on Tuesday, May 12. The fire is suspected to be human caused and is currently under investigation by the Fremont County Sheriff Department. The fire is burning through pinyon/juniper and ponderosa pine forest at around 7500 feet in elevation. The fire started on private property and then spread onto BLM public lands.

The weather today will remain cooler and should assist in the fire suppression efforts; however rising temperatures and increasing wind may affect fire behavior as the day progresses.

The Deer Mountain Fire Protection District, Fremont County Sheriff, Colorado State Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the United States Forest Service are working together to contain the fire. No homes are threatened at this time; however firefighters were unable to save three outbuildings during yesterday's rapid fire advancement.

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